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Dear Hal,

My files, notes, etc. contain nothing on Gargeu or Georgiou or anything like that. I checked with Fran Galt, my Bolden informant, at some lengths, but he could not recall such a name. The only name Bolden mentioned to him was Garcia Gonzales. An associate is sending me copies of Mark Lane's press conference in Springfield, Missouri, from when Lane got in to see Bolden, and knowing Mark, he may very well have mentioned the name at the press conference, especially since it is something which should have been kept confidential. Vince has promised to get a copy of Garrison's Bolden file, but unless Vince goes down there again, and I don't expect him to, it will take a while. It is my understanding that Mark never wrote a memo on what he got from Bolden, although I suspect that Alcock, who was also there, did. Of course, Mark probably got nothing from Bolden on his own anyway, so Alcock was the appropriate one to write the memo. Please pardon my digression and sarcasm about Mark, but my opinion of him has dropped steadily since he got me started on the case in 1964. Back in the Fall of 1966 I asked Mark about Bolden and he said that he knew absolutely nothing about him. This disturbed me since Mark had mentioned him in ######## Rush to J. and I therefore assumed that he had done everything in his power to contact him. Bolden could be an important man and just judging from what we know of the treatment he received should have been contacted and helped if possible. These people are somewhat our responsibility since their lives are more dangerous with the critics around.

Fran has no continuing contact with Abe Bolden. Another contact inside the prison who was also a close friend of Bolden and is still in there has not contacted me. Both Fran and I sent Abe Christmas cards (with messages) and they were both opened, and returned, marked "not at this address." (You should have a copy of mine) This would jive with what Fran has heard: that Bolden is no longer there. Barbara Bolden has not answered letters from either Harold or me, including my second letter which was sent certified and which I can prove arrived. Her phone number is unlisted. So although I do have a good contact in Springfield, it may do us no good any more. By the way, I will check this out with Dave Kroman since he sometimes supplies OK info, although everything he says must be checked out. His reactions are sometimes helpful, however, as with the McNabb-Rose thing.

On Bud, he is strangely very poor at evaluating evidence and often jumps to some very big conclusions from virtually no evidence at all. Last summer I spent many hours with him and he foisted a lot of people he felt were involved and in Dealy Plaza on me: i.e. Crisman, Bradley, Lawrence, etc. We went through them one by one and he had to back off of each one. He then defended Turner, despite the fact that he knew the evidence of Turner's extraordinarily bad judgment and how close his actions, combined with those of Boxley and others, had brought Jim to doing something which would destroy criticism of the WR and Jim in particular. Bud is probably quite sincere but for a lawyer is weak in the one place one might expect him to be strong. For instance, he claims to have interviewed Sylvia Odio in Chicago, although she now has a different name and during the "interview" she never said one word and only nodded her head a few times! That is perhaps the most unusual interview ever reported in this case, and I wouldn't have believed it except that I saw the memo and then Bud described it to me. Well, it turns out that it was the "wrong Sylvia Odio." If you like, and if Paul doesn't have it, I will send you a copy of the memo--it is a classic Sam, from my experience Bud must be pinned down completely on things in order to be useful.

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On Cecil or Sesal, there is a type of plantation which raises a plant which produces Sessal, or sessile, I have forgotten. It is a fiber product so that would jive with what you know. Sessile is a general botanical term which applies to a certain type of attachment between leaf and branch, and can also mean sedentary, so sessal or something like that may be correct. But I definitely remember reading about such a plantation in South America or the Orient many years ago and know that it is a fiber product. I used to be a student of geology and don't know of any similar geological term.

In any event, sorry I can't offer more help. You are working in an interesting, and I think important area here, and sound like you're on to something. If you need some help and have a project, I can assign a researcher to it--just send instructions. DeMohrenschildt and Haiti are quite interesting, especially in light of the info that Harold had that suggested that the CIA camps were now aiming towards there, the connections between DeMohrenschildt and there just after the Bay of Pigs, and the relatively recent arrests of 10 Haitians, an American, and Dempsy (the Canadian in Larry Howard's photos of the guerilla instructors) near Tampa,Florida. By the way, I have the Miami Herald's account of those raids and can make a copy for you and Paul if you want one. The coverage is much better than elsewhere.

Back on Bolden for a second, I don't know what to think of his lawyer. Fran Galt says that Bolden didn't know anything about him, and ended up with him because he came forward (reminiscent of the NSRP lawyer in the Ray case). Bolden would appear to have an open and shut appeal for a new trial since Spagnoli confessed at his own trial to perjury at Boldens, and even added that the perjury was subborned by a government attorney.

Well, I'd better go. Let me know if I can help. Best wishes for a happy spring.

Gary

PS: I sent Paul a copy of this letter and some other items (since he has access to a cheap xerox which may interest you. I assume that anything I send to one of you gets to the other.